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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PLAN TO EXPORT ALBERTAN CRUDE OIL TO EASTERN
CANADA THROUGH JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT

1. THE FOLLWOING EXCHANGE BETWEEN NEW DEMOCRATIC
PARTY MP DOUGLAS AND ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD IN
COMMONS ON NOVEMBER 13 SUCCINCTLY DESCRIBES PRESENT
PLANS FOR TRANSPORTING TO EASTERN CANADA CRUDE OIL
OFFERED BY ALBERTA:

BEGIN TEXT

MR. T.C. DOUGLAS (NANAIMO-COWICHAN-THE ISLANDS):
IN VIEW OF THE OFFER BY MR. GETTY, THE ALBERTA
MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO MAKE
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AVAILABLE TO THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC 100,000 BARRELS

OF OIL A DAY, MAY I ASK THE MINISTER WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DELIVERING THAT QUANTITY OF OIL TO QUEBEC? HAVE ANY TANKERS BEEN CHARTERED TO MOVE OIL FROM VANCOUVER TO EASTERN CANADA, AND WHAT CAPACITY WILL THERE BE IN THE TRANSMOUNTAIN PIPELINE IN VIEW OF THE MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 5 THAT IT HAS A 50,000 BARREL SPARE CAPACITY WHILE MR. GETTY SAYS THERE IS NO SPARE CAPACITY? HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSE TO DELIVER THESE 100,000 BARRELS A DAY?

HON. DONALD S. MACDONALD (MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES): DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME NAVIGATION WILL BE OPEN IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT UP TO 100,000 BARRELS A DAY CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE SYSTEM AND BY GREAT LAKES SHIPPING. AT THE MOMENT THE ACHIEVED LEVEL IS AROUND 55,000 BARRELS. THERE IS SOME HOPE THIS CAN BE INCREASED SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF LOADING FACILITIES. MY INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD IS THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXCESS CAPACITY OF BETWEEN 35,000 AND 55,000 BARRELS PER DAY THROUGH THE TRANSMOUNTAIN PIPELINE OR TO ATLANTIC PORTS, AND THAT A NUMBER OF COMPANIES WHICH ARE IN THE POSITION OF USING FEED STOCK IN THE ATLANTIC MARKET ARE NOW CONSIDERING THE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER MARKET FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY TANKERAGE FOR MOVING IT AROUND. END OF TEXT

2. IN REPORTING ON THIS EXCHANGE, TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF NOVEMBER 14 IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE PROMINENTLY NOTES THAT THE GOC, "WHICH HAS OBJECTED VIGOROUSLY TO U.S. PLANS TO SHOP ALASKAN OIL THROUGH THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA, HOPES IT CAN INCREASE SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN OIL THROUGH THE STRAIT". IN IRONIC TONE, THE ARTICLE ALSO RECALLS THE GOC'S EARLIER ADMONITIONS TO THE U.S. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION DANGERS OF USING THE STRAIT FOR OIL SHIPMENTS.
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